

109TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4373

To ensure the safety of passengers aboard aircraft that also carries cargo.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2005

Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. SHAYS) introduced the following bill; which  
was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## A BILL

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carries cargo.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Safe Skies Cargo In-  
5       spection Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. INSPECTION OF CARGO CARRIED ABOARD PAS-**  
7       **SENGER AIRCRAFT.**

8       Section 44901 of title 49, United States Code, is  
9       amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsections “(g)” and  
2           “(h)” as subsections “(h)” and “(i)”, respectively;  
3           and

4           (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-  
5           lowing:

6           “(g) AIR CARGO ON PASSENGER AIRCRAFT.—

7                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland  
8                 Security shall establish a system to inspect all cargo  
9                 transported on passenger aircraft to ensure the secu-  
10                rity of all passenger aircraft carrying cargo operated  
11                by an air carrier or foreign air carrier in air trans-  
12                portation or intrastate air transportation.

13               “(2) MINIMUM STANDARDS.—The system re-  
14                ferred to in paragraph (1) shall, at a minimum, re-  
15                quire that—

16                     “(A) equipment, technology, and personnel  
17                     meets the same standards established to inspect  
18                     passenger baggage;

19                     “(B) one-third of cargo carried on pas-  
20                     senger aircraft is inspected before Thanksgiving  
21                     Day of the first year after the date of enact-  
22                     ment of this subsection;

23                     “(C) two-thirds of cargo carried on pas-  
24                     senger aircraft is inspected before Thanksgiving

1 Day of the second year after the date of enact-  
2 ment of this subsection; and

3 “(D) all cargo carried on passenger air-  
4 craft is inspected before Thanksgiving Day of  
5 the third year after the date of enactment of  
6 this subsection.”.

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